

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present response is submitted to place the above-identified application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action.

More particularly, in the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 4, 11, 13, and 14 were rejected, but claims 2 and 12 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, and were noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Further, claims 15 and 16 are allowed.

In response to the Office Action, independent claim 1 is canceled by the present response without prejudice and claim 2 is now rewritten in independent form. Similarly, independent claim 11 is canceled by the present response without prejudice and claim 12 is rewritten in independent form. Claims 3 and 4 are also amended to depend from now independent claim 2, and similarly claims 13 and 14 are amended to depend from now independent claim 12.

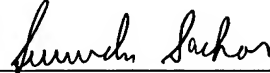
Further, withdrawn claims 5-10 are also canceled by the present response without prejudice.

Thereby, by the present response independent claims 2, 12, 15, and 16 all present subject matter indicated as allowable in the outstanding office action, and each of the dependent claims depends from one of the above-noted allowable independent claims. Thereby, by the present response each of the claims presents allowable subject matter.

As only allowable claims are currently pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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